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INFECTIOUS DISEASE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the Application as follows:

Please cancel claims 2-41.

Please add the following new claims:

42. A method for preventing a viral infection in a subject, comprising:
administering to a subject in need thereof a CpG oligonucleotide in an effective amount
to prevent the viral infection.

43. A method for treating a viral infection in a subject, comprising:
administering to a subject in need thereof a CpG oligonucleotide in an effective amount to treat
the viral infection, wherein the CpG oligonucleotide is stabilized.

44. A method for treating a viral infection in a subject, comprising:
administering to a subject in need thereof a CpG oligonucleotide in an effective amount to treat
the viral infection, wherein the CpG oligonucleotide does not include a palindrome of 6
nucleotides or longer.

45. A method for treating a viral infection in a subject, comprising:
administering to a subject in need thereof an oligonucleotide comprising: